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SUBJECT: FOOD AID CONVENTION

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1. USDEL (SAYLOR) MADE STATEMENT (REFTEL) AT OPENING
FOOD AID COMMITTEE (FAC) MEETING MARCH 3. EGYPT WAS
FIRST TO COMMENT EXPRESSING THANKS AND OBSERVING THAT
U.S. IS KEEPING ITS COMMITMENT TO THE MANILA COMMUNIQUE
(WFC). SPECIAL PROVISION FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS VIEWED AS
CONSTRUCTIVE AND CALL WAS MADE FOR OTHER DONORS TO
MAKE SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS. INDIA WAS ONLY OTHER
RESPONDENT (THOUGH REPRESENTATIVE OF VATICAN CITY
PRAISED U.S. COMMITMENT AT END OF MEETING, AND KENYANS
PRIVATELY DESCRIBED STATEMENT AS A "BLOCKBUSTER").
INDIANS AGREED WITH EGYPT, DESCRIBING U.S. OFFER AS A
"BASE CENTER" AND EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT INITIATIVE
CAME FROM U.S. INDIAN DELEGATE HIGHLIGHTED HIS APPRECI-
ATION OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS PROPOSAL, SAYING IT
MARKED "NEW ERA" IN HISTORY OF FOOD AID CONVENTION.
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THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT
THE US COMMITMENT TO BE OF SUCH MAGNITUDE, AND HE CALLED
ON OTHERS TO RESPOND IN A SIMILAR MANNER.

2. NO OTHER DELEGATION MADE COMMITMENT. AUSTRALIA,
CANADA AND SWEDEN INDICATED PRIVATELY THAT THEY WOULD
HAVE DIFFICULTIES MATCHING U.S. PERCENTAGE INCREASE

(AND THAT TO DO SO WOULD INVOLVE COUNTING WFP PLEDGE),
BUT THEY WOULD ANNOUNCE NEXT WEEK. SORENSON

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